New Hampshire Winter Storm Update Feb. 8, 2013 at 12:00 pm

Winter Storm Watch is currently in effect statewide

- Strafford, Rockingham & parts of Hillsboro Counties are currently under a Blizzard Warning.
- Bands of heavier snow are moving in from the south. The state is expecting 3-6 inches by 7pm.
- Snowfall will become heavier later tonight blizzard conditions with gusts to 50-55 mph with winds in Blizzard Warning areas to 40-45 mph.
- Due to the light density of snow and resulting diminished "snow load" officials do not anticipate significant power outages

Coastal NH could see a storm surge of 1-1.5 feet (up to 3 ft Saturday am), resulting in probable splash over along coast.

• Officials have closed NH beaches in Hampton, North Hampton & Rye until Sunday

Snowfall totals have been increased

- Total accumulation of 6-12" across northern NH
- Total accumulation of 12-20" across NH points farther south
- Total accumulation of up to 20-28" Southern Carroll, Belknap, Hillsboro, Cheshire, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford counties and in the higher terrain areas of surrounding counties
- Storm will be ending by noon Saturday 2/9/13 with residual winds

Plan to Shelter In Place & Check on your Neighbors.

- There are NO current or anticipated shelters open anywhere in the state. We will keep
 you informed of any shelter status changes as soon as they are announced.
- We encourage residents to plan to shelter in place by 7pm Friday 2/8/13
- Do you have food, water, flashlights, batteries?
- Check on neighbors and frail friends and loved ones to ensure they are prepared and safe

Stay off the roads!

- Be prepared to shelter at home with food, water, and flashlights & batteries
- Stay off the roads conditions will continue to deteriorate